

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-35 are pending in the present Application. New generic Claims 30-35 have been added. Support for this Amendment can be found at least on page 2, lines 8-17. No new matter has been added.

The Official Action has placed Claims 1-29 under an election of species.

In response to the election of species requirement imposed in the outstanding Official Action, Applicants provisionally elect Species V, Figures 1A-1C and 2A-2D and identify Claims 15, 16, 19-21, 25, 27-29 and 30-35 as readable on the elected species.

Applicant respectfully traverses the election of species.

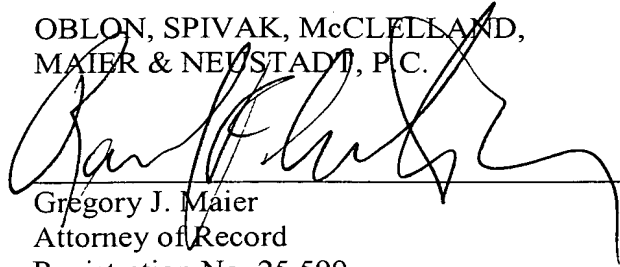
MPEP § 803 states: If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without *serious* burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding Election requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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